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Traffic in Moscow is fairly heavy, although it is not comparable to that in a large US or western European city. The principal automotive traffic in cities was trucks. The main streets in the cities were always good. They were generally of a width larger than that found in New York or Chicago. The major streets were at least the width of such streets as Fifth Avenue in New York or Michigan Avenue in Chicago. As soon as one leaves the main section of the city, the streets become much narrower -- i.e. two lane. There is a well paved, three-lane highway between Moscow and the airport on which it is possible to pass another car.

In Tbilisi the streets are all narrow except for one or two main thoroughfares. The number of passenger cars on the roads in Tbilisi seemed greater than that in either Minsk or Kiev. That is just an impression. Except for Moscow, where there was a great deal of truck traffic, there never were conditions of overcrowding of cars. There is very frequent public transportation service within the cities, but bus and train service to outlying districts is infrequent.

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25X1 In the cities, crews of men and women work night and day to keep  
 25X1 snow off the streets. [redacted] any litter in the streets  
 and they seemed to be in good repair in the urban areas. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] the roads in the cities were black top. The out-  
 25X1 lying roads of Moscow were also well maintained, but in other  
 cities, outside the central urban area the snow was allowed to  
 pile up, and we had no idea of what the road surfaces were.  
 25X1 In Georgia the roads often became impassable [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] electric train from Sukhumi to Tbilisi. The track  
 25X1 did not appear to be narrow gauge. There was an extensive amount  
 of rail traffic. On the Sukhumi-Tbilisi run [redacted] a lot of  
 freight traffic. [redacted] a lot of passenger traffic in  
 25X1 the Caucasus which looked like commuter traffic. Between cities  
 there seemed to be two tracks, one going each way. This was also  
 25X1 true for the trackage between Kiev and Kharkov; [redacted] much  
 25X1 less freight moving between these latter two points.

25X1 There was a fairly large number of railroad bridges in the Caucasus,  
 25X1 but [redacted] many bridges on either the Kiev-Kharkov or  
 Moscow-Leningrad stretches, which were [redacted] only other two railroad  
 25X1 rides.

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25X1 [redacted] about 30 to 50 km north of Tbilisi

25X1 [redacted] a new dam. It was small and had a  
 25X1 small hydroelectric station. Also, in Tbilisi [redacted] shown  
 25X1 movies of a new pipeline into that city.

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a number of crippled people, usually men who had been World  
 War II casualties. There was no evidence of malnourishment.  
 The people were generally healthy, although their diet had a  
 heavy concentration of starch. [redacted]

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In the factories [redacted]  
 25X1 there was always a dispensary and local first-aid station, a little  
 hospital attached to the dispensary. [redacted] anyone who  
 25X1 got sick would call the local hospital and a doctor would be sent  
 to him. If the doctor found the patient to be actually sick, the  
 25X1 patient would receive his salary while absent from the job. [redacted]

[redacted] In the cities [redacted] a  
 25X1 number of pharmacies, and it seemed that people went in on their  
 own and paid for what they got.

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6.

The streets were always clean. No litter was thrown anywhere in the buildings. Trash cans were placed at frequent intervals along the streets. The public toilets, on the other hand, were always very poor and very dirty. The main smells we encountered were near the toilets and they were invariably there. [redacted]

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